Vision Development

Preaching

THORNHILL Baptist Church

Ordinary people, making an extraordinary God known.

Come as you are. Join in. Be transformed.

Ordinary People

- Is our preaching relatable, with illustrations from everyday life?
- Do we explain spiritual truths in everyday language without expecting our hearers to grasp theological terms or unexplained biblical allusions?
- Is our preaching uncomplicated, presenting deep truths in a straightforward way?

Making known

- Does our preaching draw its authority from the Bible, explaining its words and applying them to life?
- Does our preaching program seek to teach the whole Bible and the whole nature of God rather than cherry picking?
- Do we preach clear evangelistic messages, giving regular opportunities for people to respond and come to faith?

An extraordinary God

- Are we open to the prophetic in our preaching? How can we encourage this more?
- Do we teach people to expect and experience God's supernatural gifts?

Come as you are

- Do we prepare messages that have something to feed people at every stage of their faith journey, including those considering faith but not yet converted?
- Do we offer a varied menu of sermon styles and formats to connect with people at different spiritual stages?
- Do we always handle subjects which may be painful with sufficient sensitivity within our preaching?
- Do our response times always give permission to people not to respond?

Join in

- Are there ways that we can draw on the experience and testimonies of the congregation in our preaching?
- Are there ways that we can encourage dialogue during or after our preaching?
- How are we identifying and developing potential new preachers?

Be transformed

- Is our preaching always applied to life, never left at just the theoretical or theological?
- Does our preaching always lead to a call to action?
- Do we offer a varied range of styles of response after our preaching?